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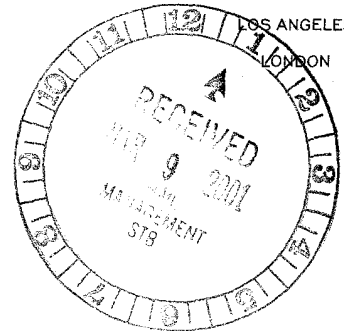
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1)
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1),
"Major Rail Consolidation Procedures"

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (collectively "CSX"), hereby request that they be granted leave to appear at the oral argument to be held in the above matter on Thursday, April 5, 2001.

The oral argument on behalf of CSX is to be presented by Peter J. Shudtz, Esq., Senior Vice President-Regulatory Affairs and Washington Counsel of CSX. Ten minutes of argument time are requested.

Pursuant to the Board's decision and notice served February 23, 2001, in this matter, CSX has consulted, with a view toward coordination of topics to be treated in its oral argument, with other entities that it identified, by a review of the comments filed in this matter, as having views similar to its own on certain of the topics being considered by the Board.

On the basis of those consultations, CSX proposes primarily to address at oral argument the issues of gateway protection and of enhanced filing requirements, particularly in the areas of expanded operational data, market impacts, service assurance plans, "downstream" analyses, and cross-border issues.

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This is, of course, not to slight the other important issues before the Board, including such as the enhancement of intermodal competition; forced competitive access; bottleneck issues; rate caps; performance guarantees; calculation of public benefits; voting trusts and processing schedules; monitoring of approved transactions; and others. CSX has addressed these issues in its comments and understands that views generally representative of its own on most such issues will be presented orally by the Association of American Railroads or by other railroads.

CSX will, of course, respond to any questions from the Board with respect to any matters of concern to the Board that may be posed to Mr. Shudtz.

Twenty-five additional copies of this letter and a WordPerfect diskette containing its text are being handed to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis G. Lyons', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dennis G. Lyons

*Counsel for CSX Corporation and
CSX Transportation, Inc.*

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cc All Parties of Record